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Dear Professor Lederberg:

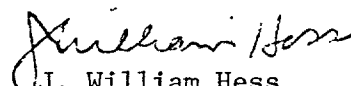
I have looked again at the file "205D Stanford University - Drosophila Research" in The Rockefeller Foundation archives and find no references to Neurospora. In fact, the file is quite thin for the years 1940-1941. The next document after the February 17, 1941, excerpt from Warren Weaver's diary is dated December 15, 1941. A few brief documents indicate the high regard Weaver and Frank Blair Hansen had for the work but give no details about the work itself.

Your mention of Beadle led me to two other Stanford files to which Tatum was not indexed although he is mentioned in them. The "205D Stanford University - Biology" file is also quite thin for 1940-1941. There are no letters for November 14, 1940, through January 13, 1941. There is a January 14, 1941 letter by Weaver concerning his pending trip and then nothing more until August 29, 1941. I enclose copies of two financial accountings which were sent to the RF.

The "205D Stanford University - Genetics" file does mention Neurospora but it does not begin until November 28, 1941. The background information in the letters and actions does not give an exact date, but I enclose copies in case they might mean more to you than to me.

I regret that these files do not provide more exact information.

Yours sincerely,


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